

REMARKS

Summary of Office Action

Claims 1-51 are pending.

Claims 38-51 are allowed. However, claims 1-26 and 33-37 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Nayar U.S. Patent No. 5,760,826 ("Nayar"). Claims 27-32 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious from Nayar in view of Braun U.S. Patent No. 5,532,737.

Applicants' Reply

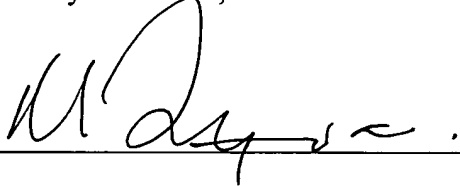
Applicants appreciate the Examiner's finding of patentable subject matter and allowance of claims 38-51.

Applicants respectfully traverse the prior art rejections of claims 1-37. However, to expedite issuance of a patent on this application, applicants have cancelled the rejected claims here without prejudice to their right to pursue their subject matter in related applications.

Conclusion

Applicants respectfully submit that this application is now in condition for allowance. If there are any remaining issues to be resolved, applicants request that the Examiner contact the undersigned attorneys for quick resolution of such issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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